

WOODSTOCK AGRICULTURE COMMISSION JULY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Present: P Miller, RSeibolt, DYoing, RNorman, LWeaver
Call to Order: 2:05pm

June Minutes Passed: PMiller, RNorman

Old Business:

Accessory Apts: Reva acknowledged Jeff Gordon's letter and we will be waiting for P&Z's timing to move forward.

WINY: SMorse not present and have time until next date.

Buy Local Letter: We OK'd Stewart's letter

Town=Owned Properties Map: Waiting for Stewart

WG Brochures: Reva divided up the list and distributed copies to all members present to be done by next meeting.

Reva took home the 2 boxes.

CC Lease Proposal: Reva said on hold.

Banner: Linda not present.

Ag Labor Housing: Doug reported on his calls to J Lyman, Rogers, E Henry, J Sanders among others in CT who have migrant labor working in orchards. Their general opinion was that since the federal and state regs supersede any town regs, it would be better for Woodstock to leave the issue alone. If anyone should take the lead, it would be better to be the CFB. Paul agreed to bring the issue up at the Windham County FB Picnic so to begin the process of having the issue looked at by the state Farm Bureau. Currently, only the local fire marshal must sign off in Woodstock. Since Woodstock Orchards is currently the only business in town providing temporary labor housing and since adequate long term housing in Putnam is available for other ag businesses in town, we agreed to not pursue any ag labor housing regs in Woodstock at this time. However, Reva mentioned that the issue of the 750sq ft "accessory apartment" re extended farm families still exists and needs to be followed up.

New Business:

Legislative Session: nothing at this time.

Celebrate Ag: Lynn reported that all was on schedule.

Trucks on Bradford Corner Road: Discussion led by Paul about potential problem of silage trucks where sign says no trucks.

Adjourned: 1:50 pm